

**MAIL STOP PATENT  
APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Robin B. Hutchison et al. Attorney Docket No.: ECHG121698  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORDERING GOODS,  
SERVICES AND CONTENT OVER AN INTERNETWORK  
USING A VIRTUAL PAYMENT ACCOUNT

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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